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Pontarddulais & District Angling Association (PAA) Newsletter

Here we go again...

Well, another new season is upon us and if recent Salmon catches on the River Wye are anything to go by – it'll hopefully be a memorable one. Time will tell.

As I write, our rivers are experiencing a welcome drop of rain – which should encourage some early season fish to run. Some keen members (myself included) will be out and about hoping to hit into an early season monster!

Again, mainly due to our website, we have some new members to welcome on board. I'm sure you'll be impressed with the quality of our waters, so any feedback from you 'newbies' would be very much appreciated. No doubt I will bump into some of you on the river bank (I'll be the one creeping around in the middle of the night wearing some hand me down, leaking chest waders!). Hope you enjoy the newsletter – please e-mail me with any stories or suggestions for improvement.

Tightlines!

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New A-Frame stile

Working in conjunction with the land owner, the Committee have designed and erected a posh new 'A-Frame' stile for our Ynys Llety/GCG boundary. This access point at the heart of our stretch is critical – so hopefully this stile, positioned safely away from the waters edge, will be there for many years to come. Thank you to all who were involved – including some club members (you know who you are!).



The new A-Frame stile at our Ynys Llety/GCG boundary

Diseased fish

We are hearing some unwelcome reports of diseased fish in the River Loughor. Fish have been spotted showing signs of the fungal disease Ulcerative Dermal Necrosis (UDN). If you see any fish that are clearly suffering, please try your best to pull them out of the water and call the **Environment Agency Hotline on 0800 807 060.** Hopefully they will collect the fish and carry out tests.

Club Bailiff's

Due to work commitments, Dai Courtney has stood down as a Club Bailiff. Committee man, Mark Walker will take his place. Of course, we still have Gary Lewis religiously patrolling our banks – thank you all for your efforts.

Membership limit

Membership is now limited to 150 – excluding Juniors. There will be no limit on the number of Junior members and they will be allowed to become full members even if the limit of 150 has been reached.

After 31st March each year, a waiting list will be set up when the limit of 150 has been reached and prospective members will be added to the list as and when their application is received.

Tŷ Canol waters

Would all members please note, that we no longer have the fishing rights to fish the Tŷ Canol waters (Carmarthenshire side, opposite the GCG Waters). If you require any clarification about the location of these waters, please refer to our River Loughor map located on our website.



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Out and about... Night fly fishing – love it or hate it!



Our prize quarry – a fresh run Sewin taken on the fly at night

No matter how 'fished out' you feel at the end of a hard (and often unrewarding season), if you've night fishing in your blood, come April/ May the following season – you're raring to go again.

Fishing at night for Sewin has to be one of the most frustrating, yet rewarding forms of fly fishing. I've been at it now for over twenty five years, and it doesn't get any easier! Being so specialised, it can take seasons of perseverance for everything to finally 'click' into place – but when it does – look out – because nothing else even comes close.

I've been fortunate to fly fish in some wonderful places – but I will not miss a season on the Loughor for love nor money. The power and uncertainty of the sewin will never cease to amaze me. My obsession has caused me all sorts of bother with relationships and of course work – but it's all been worth while (well, I think, anyway). So I go on – planning another early season attack, convincing myself, THIS season WILL be good. Now approaching forty, I'm beginning to really appreciate what's on my doorstep. I hope my own son Oscar (who is just four years old) will one night be clambering up and down the same muddy banks – showing me a trick or two. It's a mighty hard river to fish properly, so get out there as much as you can – when you can. Just stay away from MY pools!

INCIDENT HOTLINE
Environment Agency (EA)

0800 807 060



for April...

The early bird... Get out on the river early and take full advantage of the early season fish runs. They may be few and far between – but if you do manage to latch onto something, the chances are, it'll be big!

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